

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. In additon, to the comment above - why is it an issue to see the big picture. The cable industry is not looking out for the consumer unless it is shafting them. Please listen to common sense and make the right decision.